
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Academic Procession.

(The congregation is requested to stand as the procession enters the hall)

The Presiding Officer will constitute the congregation.

The National Anthem.

The University Dedication will be read by a member of the SRC.

Musical Item.

Welcome by the Master of Ceremonies.

The President of Convocation Medal will be presented to Dr Sophia Kisting-Cairncross.

Address by Dr Kisting-Cairncross.

The graduands and diplomates will be presented to the Presiding Officer by the Dean of the faculty.

The Presiding Officer will congratulate the new graduates and diplomates.

The Master of Ceremonies will make closing announcements and invite the congregation to stand.

The Presiding Officer will dissolve the congregation.

The procession, including the new graduates and diplomates, will leave the hall.

(The congregation is requested to remain standing until the procession has left the hall.)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika
Maluphakanyisw' uphondolwayo,
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.

Morena boloka etjhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa la matshwenyeho,
O se boloke,
O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,
Setjhaba sa South Afrika – South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel,
Uit die diepte van ons see,
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,

Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom,
In South Africa our land.

DISTINCTIONS IN THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

MBCHB courses are weighted differently, with the first three years (basic sciences) counting 110 out of a total of 252 points, and the final three years (clinical sciences) counting 142 out of 252.

The degree may be awarded with

Distinction in the basic sciences, where the student scores at least 80% of the maximum points for the basic sciences; and/or

Distinction in the clinical sciences, where the student scores at least 75% of the maximum points for the clinical sciences; and/or

Honours, where the student achieves an overall point score of at least 75% of the maximum overall points; or

First class honours, where the student achieves an overall point score of at least 85% of the maximum overall points.

The degrees of BSc (Audiology) and BSc (Speech-Pathology) may be awarded with distinction for a weighted average of at least 75% across all four years of study.

The degree of BSc (Occupational Therapy) may be awarded with distinction for a weighted average of at least 75% for all courses from the first to the fourth year of study across all four years of study.

The degree of BSc (Physiotherapy) may be awarded with distinction for an average of 75% across all four years of study.

The gold medal is awarded to the student in MBCHB who achieves the highest overall grade point average across all six years of his or her degree, and a weighted average of at least 75% across all years of study.

Postgraduate diplomas may be awarded with distinction if the candidate has achieved 70% and above for all courses with a weighted average of at least 75%

Honours degrees are awarded by class (first, second class division one, second class division two, or third).

Master's degrees (by coursework and dissertation) may be awarded with distinction

for the dissertation, where the mark for the dissertation is at least 75%

for the degree, where the weighted average is 75% or better and no component is below 70%

Master's degrees (by dissertation) may be awarded to a candidate who achieves a mark of 75% and above for the dissertation.

DECLARATION FOR HEALTH SCIENCES GRADUANDS

AT THE TIME OF BEING ADMITTED AS A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH PROFESSION:

I solemnly pledge to serve humanity

My most important considerations will be the health of patients and the health of their communities

I will not permit considerations of age, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disease, disability or any other factor to adversely affect the care I give to patients

I will uphold human rights and civil liberties to advance health, even under threat

I will engage patients and colleagues as partners in healthcare

I will practise my profession with conscience and dignity

I will respect the confidentiality of patients, present or past, living or deceased

I will value research and will be guided in its conduct by the highest ethical standards

I commit myself to lifelong learning

I make these promises solemnly, freely and upon my honour.

PRESIDENT OF CONVOCATION MEDAL

The President of Convocation Medal is awarded annually to an alumnus or alumna who has made a significant contribution to the common good.

SOPHIA KISTING-CAIRNCROSS

Sophia Kisting-Cairncross is the Executive Director of the National Institute for Occupational Health (NIOH), South Africa since 2014. She is an Occupational Medicine Specialist with extensive workplace experience in Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) as well as preventive, promotive and compensation health services. She returned to South Africa in 2012 after nearly 7 years in the United Nations at the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva. She was leading the ILO's Global Programme on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work and was, at the same time, the ILO/UNAIDS Global Coordinator for HIV/AIDS in workplaces. At the ILO she played the lead scientific and lead technical role in the development of a human rights protective international labour standard on HIV/AIDS which has been used in many countries to protect the human rights of workers living with HIV/AIDS. She had the significant opportunity to present the central human rights protective clauses of this labour standard "ILO Recommendation 200 on HIV and AIDS and World of Work" to the United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS in 2011.

Dr Kisting-Cairncross has worked for over 20 years in rural and urban public health centres including 5 years in the Soweto Community Health Centres (SCHC's) and Chris Hani Baragwaneth Hospital, 8 years in Zimbabwe and 3 years in Namibia. She coordinated the WHO/ILO Joint Effort on Occupational Health and Safety in Africa for nearly 3 years with support from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in the USA. She worked for 12 years at the University of Cape Town, mainly in the School of Public Health in OEHS research and extensive service delivery, including a major role in the running of the Workers Clinic of the Industrial Health Resource Group.

Prior to her appointment to the ILO in 2005, Dr Kisting-Cairncross worked systematically with Government Departments in South Africa's post-apartheid constitutional democracy. This include serving on the Compensation Board of the Department of Labour; she played a catalytic role in the development and launch of the South African partnership of the WHO/ILO Global Programme for the Elimination of Silicosis; she did the background research that informed the Code of Good Practice for Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women under the Basic Conditions of Employment Act (BCEA); she was the medical advisor of the Parliamentary Committee that coordinated the ground-breaking Parliamentary Asbestos Summit in 1998 with extensive worker and community participation. The outcomes contributed to the discontinuation of the mining and use of asbestos because of its serious adverse health effects, especially lung cancer incurable mesothelioma.

Dr Kisting-Cairncross has particular interests in working with government departments, employers and workers to address concerns of workers with disabilities and workers who are vulnerable; finding positive solutions for workplace gender concerns; support the outcomes of the ILO Domestic Workers Convention ratified in 2012 by South Africa; the fundamental need to support greater income equity; addressing social justice concerns including prevention and compensation for work-related HIV and TB; greater tertiary education opportunities in OEHS for young South Africans; the protection of individual human rights at work and helping to nurture a culture of greater prevention through workplaces with a pro-poor emphasis.

In 2003, the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health in the USA recognized her as one of ten influential women in OHS internationally.

NAMES OF GRADUANDS/ DIPLOMATES

An asterisk * denotes that the degree or diploma will be awarded in the absence of the candidate.

1. FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Dean: Professor B Mayosi

Before presenting the graduands, the Dean will invite all graduating students in the Faculty to stand and to make the Faculty Declaration. All members of the congregation who treat or will be treating patients are invited to join in affirming or re-affirming their commitment to ethical patient care.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ADDICTIONS CARE

Sharmilah Adams
*Cleo Alyssa Albertus
*Natalie Shirley Bossi
*Shareé Huysamen (with distinction)

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD CRITICAL CARE NURSING

*Ester Shambekela Ambunda
Wanda Bakada
Motsobu Melitha Kalane
Celiwe Ziphezinhle Precious Khuzwayo
Siphokazi Sweetness Makana
Nombulelo Nompumelelo Ngubane
Beatrice Konakoneni Shikongo
Tabita Nonceba Siko
Noluvo Yvonne Somlotha
Khanyisa Tyeda

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD NURSING

*Sakhumzi Stanton Gunya
*Teodensia Mbuthe Isak
Anneline Jabes
Theresa Diane Bernalene Jacobs
Meagan Mellicia Mac Donald

*Eunike Mushelenga
*Fanny Tunyanyukweni Nambahu
Ncomeka Abegail Ndlazulwana
Lungile Zamafunza Pearl Ngcobo
Pearl Ruth Richards
Noluthando Zibi

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY AND GENERAL PAEDIATRICS

*Samantha Bianca Camp
Sphamandla Griffiths Zulu

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY EYE HEALTH

*Ignatius Chatsunda
*Rosemary Namukove Makokha
*Orapeleng Jonathan Malemane
*Frank Steven Maliko
Katlego Pearl Mbulawa
*Paul Joy Mkandawire
*Tshegofatso Queen Molebatsi
*Shuangshuang Sun
*Hongda Zhang

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DISABILITY STUDIES

Chantal Joy Brinkman
Mogamat Rida Desai
*Jabulani Leteane
*Katekani Rejoyce Maluleke
Loyiso Mapuma
Kashiefa Matthews
Karen Louise Mostert (with distinction)
Shabnim Parker
Azwidohwi Emelia Tshivhase

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE

*Anthea Abrahams
*Aysha Gasant

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH ECONOMICS

*Donnella Besada (with distinction)
Nonkululeko Nosipho Gqwaru
*Laurenne Nicole James (with distinction)
Jonathan Frederick Olatunji Macauley
(with distinction)

*Zolisa Magidela
Kgasane Jameson Malemela
Ramokone Maphoto
Siphiwe Sanele Masondo
*Sello Amiel Matjila
*Fihlani Norman Mavukani (with distinction)
Linda Mbuthini
*Isaiah Pitsi Mohlabe
*Noko Reshoketswe Mphahlele
Emily Hope Lebogang Mpshe
Lesego Nkateko Pooe
*Fiona Liana Reynolds (with distinction)
Muhluri Alvinah Rikhotso
*Sibusiso Chalazela Simelane
*Nkokone Tema
Gilbert Tshimangadzo Tshitauzi (with distinction)
*Anelise Wolmarans (with distinction)

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Philip Mbulalina Dambisya
*Helena Glaudina De Clercq
*Abegail Nombuyiselo Dlova
*Adele Du Plessis
*Lynelle Govender (with distinction)
*Maia Rose Lesosky (with distinction)
Ndanganeni Mandiwana
*Nomsa Jacqueline Mogosetsi
Andiswa Magdeline Pooe
Nastassia Ethel Timothy

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Sabrian Fritz
Jean Matthys Hattingh (with distinction)
Francolene Rosemary Jammer
Bongile Kente
Mqokeleli Xolisa Manengela
Nombulelo Mdingi
Nnkhumeleni Emmanuel Mukwevho

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INTERDISCIPLINARY PAIN MANAGEMENT

*Michelle Elizabeth Casey
Trusha Chetty
Farhaana Ebrahim

Naila Edries
 *Marlis Haasbroek
 *Claire Elisabeth Horn
 Jonathan Joshua
 Katleho Maxwell Limakatso
 Murray Luke McDonald (with distinction)
 Sugantha Moodley
 Susanna Magdalena Oelofse (with distinction)
 *Lara Kathleen Parry
 *Jacques Rodrigues
 *Angeline Natasha Schrikker
 *Riana Daleen Van Wyk

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
 IN NEPHROLOGY NURSING

Shanaas Abrahams
 *Asanda Bebula
 *Lebogang Daba
 *Vincent Xolani Hlongwane
 Masutane Florence Maboya
 Pretty Sibusisiwe Madlala
 Simson Molepane Masha
 Anneri Mellor
 Rose Thandi Mokwena
 Duduzile Elizabeth Msane
 Alfred Mathule Nchabeleng
 Jewel Nontokoza Ntaka
 *Allison Harriet Pienaar
 Trevor Zakes Qwabe
 Khethukuthula Duncan Sibisi
 *Theresa Serina Snygans

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
 IN PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

Mumtaz Abbas
 Mehnaaz Banu Akbar Ally
 *Philna Badenhorst
 Bibi Aysha Bhabha
 *Lynette Bloemhof (with distinction)
 Randall Garrett Cochran Woods Brown
 Petra Burger
 *Mandizvidza Chigwedere
 *Sibylle Barbara Coradi
 *Gracia Ker Eke
 *Malinda Mariana Ferreira
 *Silvia Rosa Gonzalez Paz
 Radha Govender
 Samantha Govender (with distinction)
 *Barbara Laura Green-Thompson
 *Leonore Caecilia Haley
 *Naomi Heller (with distinction)
 *Khensane Victoria Lubisi

Lawrence Tatenda Mandikiana
 Corli Marx
 *Nosisa Crenelia Matsiliza
 *Alastair Kenneth Mcalpine (with distinction)
 *Vineshree Moodley
 *Aline Mukeshimana
 *Thandeka Unathi Nkabi
 *Kerene Monique Payne (with distinction)
 Tracy Lynn Rawlins (with distinction)
 *Imogen Elizabeth Rogers
 *Beyra Rossouw (with distinction)
 *John Sauer
 Mitchell Robert Scott
 Jeanne Stopforth
 *Jennifer Tait
 Keletso Karen Tsebe
 *Margot Wynne Van Der Wielen
 Melissa Williams-Platt (with distinction)

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
 PESTICIDE RISK MANAGEMENT

*Anika Francine Aska
 *Vonani Lucky Bila
 *Taurai Matyora
 *Walunji Msiska
 *Tariro Muganhiri
 Sydney Khensani Novela
 *Gennia Oxley (with distinction)
 *Sheirdath Michael Ramsammy
 *Vernal Lloyd Riley
 *Angelique Fiona Vickers (with distinction)
 *Catherine Wangu (with distinction)

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
 IN TB-HIV MANAGEMENT

Dideka Licher Kekezwa
 Neo Apheus Legare
 *Fikiswa Nkonyama
 *Wilhelm Alexander Von Ludwig (with distinction)

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
 MEDICINE AND BACHELOR
 OF SURGERY

Yamkela Fikeni
 Anelisa Mtati
 Monkogoi Oankgoga Thakgathi

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
 MEDICAL SCIENCE HONOURS

In Applied Anatomy:
 Taherah Asmall (first class)
 Louren Brogen Bruce (first class)
 Krisna Els
 Caryn Johanna Rajh
 *Gobe Tanthuma

In Bioinformatics:
 Noëlle Van Biljon (first class)

In Biological Anthropology:
 Christie Putter (first class)
 *Ava Sham
 *Maximilian Jan Spies (first class)
 Kimberly Wucherpfennig

In Clinical Pharmacology:
 Kate Da Silva (first class)
 Sharne Justine Dunn (first class)
 *Brandon Michael Hall
 Makgalanoto Keletso Maepa
 Nkateko Sibabalwe Mvumbi

In Forensic Genetics:
 Zandile Booï
 Mmannini Francina Rangwaga

In Human Genetics:
 Smangele Benedictor Malema
 Jaide Kelly Mckriel
 Thandiswa Mkonto
 Daniella Cristina Munro (first class)
 Khilona Natha (first class)
 Tiyani Nonyane
 *Akshay Vanmali (first class)

In Infectious Diseases and Immunology:
 Andrea Gillian Abrahams (first class)
 *Justin James Govender
 Amy Graham (first class)
 Lerato Hlatshwayo
 John Iradukunda
 Siybaulela Freddy-Junior Magugu
 Sibongiseni Kwakho Luntukazi
 Poswayo
 *Nina Radzey (first class)
 Veneshley Samuels
 Akiko Suzuki (first class)
 *Matthew John Wagener (first class)

In Medical Biochemistry:
 Sinead Carse (first class)
 Kate Tegan Davis (first class)
 Monique Klingenberg (first class)
 Kgopelo Matlala
 Rufaro Hazvinaanoziva Mvududu

Jamie Nikki Pillaye
Khanyisa Pinda (first class)
Aaliyah Saferdien
*Machaba Ofentse Gomotso Sathekge
Bradley Christopher Thompson
Teagan Leigh Van Wyk (first class)

In Medical Cell Biology:

*Emma Beatrice Cipolla
Nabeelah Coovadia (first class)
Saif Feroz Khan (first class)
Malese Elaine Mankge
Sephekana Samuel Mohapi
*Nicole Aimee Saacks
*Ibrahim Saheb
Olivia Louise Wimberley (first class)

In Physiology:

*Andricia Govender
*Amelie Simone Johnston (first class)
Hamin John Lee (first class)
Eran Frank Shorer (first class)
Felicia Thulisile Sibozza (first class)
*Sylvia Carina Van Belle (first class)

In Radiobiology:

Garth Thomas Baker

In Structural Biology:

Mbuso Siyabonga Mantanya (first class)
*Yamkela Qaiyiya

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
MEDICAL SCIENCE HONOURS
IN BIODYNAMICS

Brenda Nonzaliseko Bangisi
Thulfieq Behardien
Michael James Bridger (first class)
*Melissa Corbett (first class)
*Lizl Everts
*David Alexander John Leith (first class)
Dzunani Anna Mashele
*Matthew Derick Redman
Melanie Kim Saywood (first class)
Kayleigh Helen Scheepers
Zoe Lee Woodman (first class)

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
MEDICAL SCIENCE HONOURS
IN DIETETICS

Jenaed Goncalves Brodell
Talya Jamie Harris
Kinza Hussain

Alison Diane Hutton
Sonia Malczyk
Tamsyn Matheson
Toni Mccann (first class)
Tanna Michel
Katelyn Marion Mullon
Ntokozo Wendy Ngubane
Celiwe Bakhetsile Nsibande
Michaela Frances Pelser
*Karl Robert Terry

DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF MEDICAL SCIENCE HONOURS
IN EXERCISE SCIENCE

Nur Armino
*Chadley Steven Kemp (first class)
*Reece Brian McDonald (first class)
Ben Ross Philpott (first class)
Danielle Louisa Prins
Deena Veeren

DEGREE OF MASTER OF MEDICINE

In Anaesthesia:

Sarwat Hameed-Ikram
*Lara Ruthe Veronese (with distinction in
the dissertation)

In Anatomical Pathology:

Michael Johannes Otto (with distinction
in the dissertation)

In Family Medicine:

*Onyebuchi Henry Ugwu

In Medical Microbiology:

*Sindile Venessa Ntuli

In Medicine:

Enid Phiona Namale

In Neurology:

Helen Margot Cross (with distinction in
the dissertation)

In Obstetrics & Gynaecology:

Welile Cynthia Mkhombe
Lughano Ndovie

In Ophthalmology:

*Nicholas John York

In Otorhinolaryngology:

*Paul Douglas-Jones (with distinction in
the dissertation)

In Paediatrics:

*Lyndal Gibbs (with distinction in the
dissertation)

In Pathology (Virological):

Annabel Enoch
*Nokwazi Pearl Nkosi

In Radiation Oncology:

*Sarah Fairhead

In Surgery:

Janie Botha (with distinction in the
dissertation)
Mukuhi Ng'ang'a (with distinction in
the dissertation)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF NURSING
IN CHILD NURSING

Inger Birgitta Hendry
Heide Kunzmann (with distinction)
Mmusetsi Andries Mokwatsi (with
distinction)
Cynthia Nonhlanhla Mtolo
Ilana Webber (with distinction)

DEGREE OF MASTER
OF PHILOSOPHY

In Biomedical Forensic Science:

Lorraine Nel

In Maternal & Foetal Medicine:

*Ayesha Osman (with distinction in the
dissertation)

In Palliative Medicine:

Melaku Alazar Eyassu
Cornelius Kondwani Huwa
*Magdalena Francina Petronella Van
Jaarsveld

In Vascular Surgery:

Lily Pincho Wu

DEGREE OF MASTER OF
PHILOSOPHY IN EMERGENCY
MEDICINE

In Patient Safety &

Clinical Decision-Making A:

Baljit Kaur Cheema (with distinction)

DEGREE OF MASTER
OF PUBLIC HEALTH

*Emma Makin
Namhla Yamkela Isipho Sicwebu
*Rabecca Tadokera
Tsidiso Anitah Hildah Tolla

In Epidemiology:

Nicole Kramer
Dorothy Chiwoniso Nyemba (with
distinction)
*Oluwaseun Abiola Olatunbosun
Catherine Anne Wiseman

In Health Economics:

Fadzai Eunice Munedzimwe

In Health Systems:

*Annabel Louise Grieve (with distinction)
Lucy Wambui Kingangi
*Sanna Liisa Helena Malinen (with
distinction in the dissertation)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Safa Kagiso Naraghi (with distinction)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN EXERCISE AND SPORTS
PHYSIOTHERAPY

Alda Grethe Geldenhuys (with
distinction)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF
SCIENCE IN MEDICINE

In Bioinformatics:

Rebone Leboreng Meraba
(with distinction)

In Exercise Science:

*Choon Chye Teo

In Genetic Counselling:

Rene Gillian Goliath
Clair Kathleen Ingram (with distinction
in the dissertation)
Malebo Felicia Malope
Kalinka Popel (with distinction in the
dissertation)
Nicole Van Der Merwe

In Medical Biochemistry:

Richard Joseph Burman (with
distinction)
Nonkululeko Guguglethu Mkwanzazi

In Medicine:

Lauren Kerry Knight
Naisa Abdul Manafe

In Neuroscience:

*Mohammed Ben Husien (with
distinction)

In Physiology:

Hala M S Araibi

In Urology:

*Patrick Manu Opoku Maison

DEGREE OF MASTER OF
SCIENCE IN NURSING

*Olamide Olajumoke Afolalu (with
distinction)

*Lapani Chisi Ngala (with distinction)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN PHYSIOTHERAPY

Cameron Roy Reardon (with
distinction)

DEGREE OF DOCTOR
OF PHILOSOPHY

In Biomedical Engineering:

Kevin Leigh Sack
Thesis Title: *Subject-specific efficacy
predication of mechanically motivated
therapies for heart failure*

Kevin Sack obtained his BSc, BSc
(Hons) and MSc Eng from UCT, and was
awarded a national medal from the South
African Association for the Advancement
of Science for his master's dissertation.
He began full-time study towards his
PhD the Department of Human Biology
in 2014.

Kevin Sack's thesis focuses
on investigating cardiac pathomechanics
and novel therapies using finite element
methods. His research involves the
generation of realistic high-fidelity
subject-specific models of healthy

and diseased hearts from multiple
imaging modalities. These models are
complemented with coupled systems
describing passive and contractile
myocardial mechanics and lumped
circulatory flow. After validation with pre-
clinical data, these first subject-specific
models of their kind provide in silico
mechanical surrogates of in vivo hearts
capable of predicting dynamic myocardial
strain and stress and ventricular function
throughout the cardiac cycle. These
models are further expanded to simulate
and investigate the efficacy of mechanical
therapy approaches for myocardial
infarction and heart failure, such as
intramyocardial biomaterial injections
and partial left ventricular assistance.
Kevin Sack's findings indicate substantial
benefits of both therapies, and exemplify
the utility of predictive computational
simulation towards the development of
novel treatments and clinical decision
support.

Supervisor: Professor T Franz (Human
Biology)

Co-supervisors: A/Professor NH Davies
(Surgery); Professor JM Guccione
(Surgery, University of California San
Francisco); Assistant Professor LC Lee
(Mechanical Engineering, Michigan
State University)

In Clinical Pharmacology:

Jenna Johnston
Thesis Title: *Determination of biomarkers
for toxicity and antiretroviral adherence
in hair in South African patients*

Jenna Johnston holds a BSc from
Rhodes University and a BSc(Hons)
in Biochemistry from Stellenbosch
University. She worked as a Physical
Sciences teacher before continuing
with an MPhil in Biomedical Forensic
Science at UCT. She joined the Clinical
Pharmacology Division for her PhD
studies in 2015.

Substance abuse is one of
the many factors associated with poor
levels of antiretroviral adherence, and
is also prevalent among HIV-infected
individuals. Jenna Johnston's thesis
investigates the impact of drug and alcohol
abuse on adherence among HIV-infected
patients attending an antiretroviral

therapy clinic in Cape Town by measuring drug concentrations in hair. Levels of the antiretroviral drug, efavirenz, in hair were also measured to explore the usefulness of using hair analysis as a method of adherence monitoring within the South African context. The results from the analysis of the hair samples provided insight into the prevalence of substance abuse among HIV-infected patients. In addition, long-term adherence to efavirenz was demonstrated by measuring efavirenz levels in hair. The hair analysis methods developed in this study are novel in South Africa and demonstrate the potential of this matrix to be used in various contexts within the country.

Supervisor: Dr L Wiesner (Medicine)
Co-supervisor: Emeritus A/Professor P Smith (Medicine)

In Clinical Science & Immunology:

Jerome Wendoh Milimu

Thesis Title: The influence of HIV exposure and feeding on the gut microbiota and adaptive Immunity in South African infants

Jerome Wendoh Milimu has a BSc and MSc from Kenyatta University, Kenya. He came to UCT's Division of Immunology in May 2014 to pursue his PhD.

Jerome Wendoh Milimu's PhD thesis focuses on understanding how maternal HIV status and feeding modality impact the infant gut microbial profile and in turn, T cell immune responses to BCG vaccination. Jerome Milimu's substantial data on this topic show profound early impact of maternal HIV status on the gut microbiota which appears to begin in utero. These data are from the analysis of infant meconium samples. Furthermore, he also showed that gut microbial members previously found to be enriched in HIV infected adults and associated with inflammation were enriched in the HIV exposed uninfected infants at birth. Interestingly, upon the introduction of exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months of life, the gut microbial differences between HIV exposed uninfected and HIV unexposed infant groups disappears over time. He went on to demonstrate that infant immune responses to BCG are associated with

specific gut microbiota. These findings have relevance when considered in the context of prebiotic as well as standard childhood vaccine development.

Supervisor: Dr H Jaspan (Pathology)
Co-supervisors: Professor C Gray (Pathology); Professor N Mulder (Integrative Biomedical Sciences)

In Exercise Science:

*Keelyn Rae van Breda

Thesis Title: The influence of methylphenidate on heart rate and brain connectivity

Keelyn van Breda completed her BSc and BSc(Hons) degrees at UCT, whereafter she started her MSc degree and upgraded to doctoral studies in 2014.

Keelyn van Breda's thesis reports that a central nervous system stimulant, methylphenidate (commercially known as Ritalin), increases heart rate at rest immediately preceding handgrip exercise. She shows that this is related to functional connectivity changes in the higher brain centres that modulates the autonomic nervous system. She goes on to show that methylphenidate ingestion increases handgrip force output and grip heart rate with a subsequent decrease in central autonomic network (CAN) connectivity. This suggests that the methylphenidate induced changes in CAN activity may have played a role in the improved exercise performance. Keelyn van Breda further found that the above ergogenic effects of methylphenidate during handgrip exercise may be particularly relevant in subjects who habitually engage in low vs. high levels of physical activity. This was evidenced by the finding that methylphenidate ingestion resulted in greater functional uncoupling and greater heart rate increases during exercise in subjects who habitually engage in low vs high levels of physical activity.

Supervisor: Dr L Rauch (Human Biology)
Co-supervisors: Dr M King (Human Biology); Professor DJ Stein (Psychiatry and Mental Health); Dr M Jankiewicz (Human Biology)

In Human Genetics:

Lindiwe Lilian Lamola

Thesis Title: Genomics of Lynch Syndrome and Constitutional Mismatch Repair Deficiency Syndrome

Lindiwe Lamola completed her BSc at the University of the Free State and joined the Division of Human Genetic at UCT in 2009 for her BSc(Med)(Hons). She began working on her doctorate in 2013.

Lindiwe Lamola's thesis investigates the genomics of cancer syndromes. For Lynch syndrome, one of the most common inherited cancer syndromes in the world, her thesis provides evidence of a disease causing mutation that has a founder effect in the Mixed Ancestry populations of South Africa. This is one of the Lynch syndrome causing mutations in South Africa. She also uses high throughput next generation sequencing and bioinformatics analysis to determine genetic features associated with Constitutional Mismatch Repair Deficiency syndrome, a childhood cancer syndrome.

She identifies several pathways associated with the mismatch repair deficiency and potentially associated with tumorigenesis. These pathways suggest specific steps involved in development of tumours in cases with mismatch repair deficiency.

Supervisor: Professor R Ramesar (Pathology)

Horacia Naidoo

Thesis Title: The genetics of anthracycline-induced cardiotoxicity in cancer patients

Horacia Naidoo completed her BSc, BSc(Hons) and MSc qualifications at the University of Kwazulu-Natal and began full-time study towards her PhD at UCT in 2013. She completed an internship at Novartis Switzerland in 2013.

Horacia Naidoo's thesis focuses on anthracycline-induced cardiotoxicity (ACT) in cancer patients. She investigates both the clinical management and genetic susceptibility of retrospectively and prospectively treated cancer patients on anthracycline-based chemotherapy. While variants investigated may not have been predictive of ACT, the Indigenous African population exhibits increased susceptibility to ACT warranting an

exploration of novel variants associated with cardiac injury. Her study contributed to the development of a classifier and predictive model of cardiac function in the absence of adequate measures. Furthermore, cardiac function measures with greater sensitivity and clinical drug trials on local African populations are recommended.

Supervisor: Professor R Ramesar
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Oncology)

In Medical Biochemistry:

Tamara Stelma

*Thesis Title: The effect of inhibiting
KPNB1-mediated nuclear import on
cancer cell biology and inflammatory
transcription factor signalling*

Tamara Stelma holds a Bachelor of Medical Science Honours from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She joined the Division of Medical Biochemistry at UCT in 2013 for her MSc studies, which were upgraded to a PhD in 2015.

Tamara Stelma's thesis focuses on investigating the role of inhibiting the nuclear import protein, Karyopherin $\beta 1$ (KPNB1), on cancer cell biology and inflammatory signalling in cervical cancer. A novel small-molecule inhibitor of nuclear import, INI-43, and siRNA technology was used to inhibit KPNB1 in cancer cells. The effect of nuclear import inhibition on cancer cell proliferation, migration and invasion was found to be dependent on KPNB1. She further investigated the role of KPNB1 in the nuclear transport of protein cargoes; NF κ B and AP-1, both essential for inflammatory signalling associated with cancer cell biology. Her research showed that inhibiting KPNB1 reduced NF κ B and AP-1 transcriptional activity and inflammatory target gene expression. She then used an ectopic xenograft mouse model for cervical cancer and reported that KPNB1 inhibition associates with a reduction in tumour growth and altered tumour morphology. These findings provide further support for KPNB1 as a target for cancer therapy.

Supervisor: Professor VD Leaner
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In Medical Virology:

Emmanuel Aubrey Margolin

*Thesis Title: Development of a transient
expression platform for the production
of soluble HIV-1 subtype C envelope
mimetics in plants*

Emmanuel Margolin completed a BSc at UCT before pursuing his postgraduate studies in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

A prophylactic vaccine is urgently needed to combat the global HIV-1 pandemic.

Emmanuel Margolin's thesis aims to develop a cheap and scalable plant-based expression system for the production of HIV-1 vaccine Env-based antigens. This approach is uniquely suited to developing countries which lack the infrastructure for traditional vaccine production. Emmanuel Margolin's work demonstrates that plants can reproduce the native trimeric structure of the HIV-1 Envelope glycoprotein, and that these antigens are immunogenic in rabbits. The thesis also describes how both improving the purification of trimeric protein and priming the immune response with a recombinant modified vaccinia Ankara vaccine can improve the vaccine's immunogenicity. Lastly, he shows that the co-expression of human molecular chaperones in planta improves the expression levels of the recombinant glycoproteins. This approach appears to be broadly applicable to the improvement of expression of other glycoproteins which accumulate at low levels in plants.

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Safinah Museene

*Thesis Title: A structured and
collaborative clinical teaching training
programme and its influence on nursing
preceptors' self-reported competencies
and confidence at a national referral
hospital in Uganda*

Safinah Museene holds a BSc Nursing from Aga-Khan University and an MPhil in Medical Education from Moi University, Uganda. Her doctoral research emerges from her role as a nurse educator

and principal of a nursing education institution in Uganda.

Safinah Museene's thesis aims at describing nursing preceptors' clinical teaching practices, designing, implementing and evaluating a structured and collaborative clinical teaching training program for improving the preceptors' pedagogical skills at one of the national referral hospitals in Uganda. In a three-phase study, an initial cross-sectional survey of current needs and practices was followed by the design of a Structured and Collaborative Clinical Teaching Training Programme (SCCTTP) for preceptors at a referral hospital in Kampala, Uganda, which was then implemented and evaluated. The SCCTTP demonstrated a positive influence on the preceptors' self-assessed clinical teaching knowledge and competence. Safinah Museene's work offers a viable teaching strategy for nursing preceptors and a framework to guide practice, policy and regulation for interventions that support preceptors' educational preparation and management of clinical teaching.

Supervisor: Emeritus A/Professor P
Mayers (Health and Rehabilitation
Sciences)

In Physiology:

Liske Marinat Kotzé

*Thesis Title: Effects of adipose tissue
extracellular matrix components on body
fat distribution and insulin sensitivity in
black and white South African women*

Liske Kotzé obtained her BSc, BSc(Hons) and MSc degrees in Biotechnology from the University of Stellenbosch, after which she joined the Division of Exercise Science and Sports Medicine at UCT to undertake her PhD studies.

Liske Kotzé's thesis focuses on ethnic- and depot-specific alterations in adipose tissue biology with obesity, and associations with insulin resistance in black and white South African women. She shows that compared to white women, black women had higher hypoxia and extracellular-matrix gene-expression in the gluteal depot, which associated with their higher insulin resistance and inflammation. In black women, changes in the expression of these genes over a

5-year follow-up period were associated with their higher insulin response, suggesting that increased hypoxia and fibrotic components in the gluteal depot of black women may possibly also exacerbate their insulin resistance. This was further supported by her findings of an association between a polymorphism within the COL5A1 gene and body fat distribution. Based on these findings, she proposes a model of insulin sensitive vs. insulin resistant adipose tissue expansion to understand the mechanisms underlying the ethnic-specific associations between body-composition and insulin resistance.

Supervisor: A/Professor J Goedecke
(Human Biology)

Co-supervisor: Dr D Keswell (Human Biology)

In Public Health:

Tamlyn Eslie Roman

Thesis Title: *Exploring decision space: a case study of two South African central hospitals*

Tamlyn Eslie Roman holds a BSocSc(Hons) and an MSocSc in Applied Development Economics from UCT. She has conducted internships in the Children's Institute (UCT) and the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, and has done consultancies with the South African Department of Health and the World Health Organisation.

Tamlyn Roman's thesis explores aspects of decision space in two public central hospitals in South Africa. Based on an understanding of how central hospitals function, she uses human resource and supply chain management as tracers in two central hospital cases to explore what determines the theoretical decision space, and how decision-making is exercised in practice. On the basis of this exploration, she identifies emergent outcomes of the interactions between authority, organisational capacity and accountability which contribute to the development of an analytical decision space framework. The framework outlines the way in which decision space influences the allocation of responsibilities, the responsiveness of decision-making and the use of resources within the organisation or system. In the context of national policy changes in the

decentralisation of hospital management, this framework can be used to understand how decision space functions in other settings, and to guide implementation of interventions for improved management.

Supervisors: Professor D McIntyre
(Public Health and Family Medicine)

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